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President Obama's Address at U.N. General Assembly



President Obama: "The attacks of the last two weeks are not simply an assault on America. They are also an assault on the very ideals upon which the United Nations was founded -- the notion that people can resolve their differences peacefully; that diplomacy can take the place of war; that in an interdependent world, all of us have a stake in working towards greater opportunity and security for our citizens...

We have taken these positions because we believe that freedom and self-determination are not unique to one culture. These are not simply American values or Western values -- they are universal values. And even as there will be huge challenges to come with a transition to democracy, I am convinced that ultimately government of the people, by the people, and for the people is more likely to bring about the stability, prosperity, and individual opportunity that serve as a basis for peace in our world...

Among Israelis and Palestinians, the future must not belong to those who turn their backs on a prospect of peace. Let us leave behind those who thrive on conflict, those who reject the right of Israel to exist. The road is hard, but the destination is clear -- a secure, Jewish state of Israel and an independent, prosperous Palestine. (Applause.)

Understanding that such a peace must come through a just agreement between the parties, America will walk alongside all who are prepared to make that journey..." For Speech in Arabic, click [here](#)



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following programs
at our location on Nablus Road

Open Hours for the library during the week of September 30:
Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Browse our books and magazines.
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

My City, My Story

(a photo exhibit featuring eight Palestinian photographers)

The exhibit will be on view until October 15 during regular library hours.

English Corner for Youth

Thursday, October 4, 2012, 3:00 PM

Come to America House to practice your English in a fun and casual environment.
High school and college students are welcome to attend.
Please bring an ID to show at the door.

Study in the U.S.: Learn About American Schools

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Are you interested in studying in the U.S.? Representatives from three U.S. universities will be at America House to discuss admissions, programs and financial aid.
Universities represented at this session will include:
Brown University, Barnard College and Northeastern University.

Please e-mail JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov or call 02-563-4029 for more details on this program.

*America House is the American Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center and was established in 2010.
البيت الأمريكي هو المركز الثقافي للقنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس وتأسس عام 2010.*



Consul General Ratney's Op-Ed in Al Quds Daily

Sunday, September 23, 2012

On behalf of the American Consulate General in Jerusalem, I want to personally thank all of our friends who have shared their grief with us as we mourn our fallen colleagues -- Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, Sean Smith, and Ambassador Chris Stevens – whose lives were tragically cut short in Benghazi, Libya on September 11.

The loss was personal for us. Ambassador Stevens served at the American Consulate General in Jerusalem for four years, from 2002 through 2006. He was a friend of mine, just as he was a friend to so many in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Chris had a passion for his work and for this region that led him to embrace Arab culture and the Arabic language. In Libya, he worked tirelessly to help the Libyan people during and after their popular revolution, a struggle that toppled a tyrant.



Chris was a true diplomat, and in the wake of his death, the great outpouring of sympathy has been truly moving. We have received messages from all levels of the Palestinian Authority, dozens have come to the Consulate General to sign our condolence book, and we have received countless e-mail and Facebook messages. U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton was genuinely moved by the condolence letters she received from President Abbas and Prime Minister Fayyad.

Disgusting and reprehensible – that is how Secretary Clinton described the video that ignited violence throughout the region, and was so grotesquely exploited by terrorists in Benghazi. The maker of the film denigrated a great religion, aimed to provoke rage, and tried to drive a wedge between peace-loving peoples of the world. There is absolutely no justification for this violence, and I am heartened by the compassion of those who have sent condolence messages, many of which acknowledge that true practitioners of religion, like true diplomats, will choose the path of peace and justice over violence and fanaticism.

In the United States we have a long tradition of free expression and we do not stop individual citizens from expressing their views; we must recognize that with this freedom comes responsibility just as we must acknowledge that violence in response to speech is not acceptable. The United States is a nation founded on religious tolerance and respect for religious beliefs; we hold them to be fundamental values inseparable from freedom and liberty. The United States is stronger because we are the home of people of all faiths, including millions of Muslims. We must not allow a tiny minority to provoke conflict among religions, countries and cultures. Thank you to our Palestinian friends for demonstrating to us in a time of great sorrow that our friendship is as strong as ever. We will long remember the kind words and actions of our friends here who have shared in our sadness and offered us their support in our time of grief.

For Consul General Michael Ratney's Al Quds op-ed in Arabic, click this [link](#)

Click this [link](#) for the Op-ed in Al Quds website

Clinton Urges Global Support for New Arab Democracies



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the United States “will not walk away” from new democracies created by revolutions in the Arab world, and the international community has a powerful stake in seeing them succeed.

Speaking September 26 at a U.N. Security Council hearing on peace and security in the Middle East, Clinton said the United States rejects “the false choice between democracy and stability” and welcomes the political changes that are under way in the region. “Democracies make the strongest, most capable partners, and we know that it takes a lot of hard work and oftentimes struggle,” but the establishment of emerging democracies in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and Libya “should be a cause for great satisfaction and hope,” she said. Even though the citizens of emerging democracies have the most at stake and bear the greatest responsibility for ensuring the success of their revolutions, the international community also must step up as “champions” of their struggle and not be “fair weather friends,” Clinton said.

“Making good on the promise of these transitions will take many hands working on many fronts,” she said. Supporters of democratic change should heed the lessons learned from the past, including the understanding that “training, funding and equipment only go so far” because “It takes the political will to make hard choices and tough changes that will build strong institutions and lasting security,” she said. The international community must stand together in support of the common aspirations for security, safety, the dignity of self-determination and “the freedom to live lives according to our own conscience,” she said.

Concerning the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, Clinton said the future “must belong to those who embrace the hard work of peace, not those who thrive on conflict or reject the right of Israel to exist.”

The United States “stands ready and prepared to work toward a just agreement” that will accomplish the goal of seeing “a secure Jewish state of Israel” and “an independent, secure, prosperous Palestine” that fulfills Palestinian aspirations, Clinton said.

See Also [Clinton on Support for Emerging Democracies](#)

[كلينتون تحت دول العالم على تقديم الدعم للديمقراطيات العربية الجديدة](#)

Announcements!

Women in Science Hall of Fame 2013 Program **Deadline for Applications: October 10, 2012**

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem is seeking outstanding female Palestinian scientists to honor in the 2013 Women in Science Hall of Fame program.

The U.S. Department of State created the annual Arab Women in Science Hall of Fame program in 2010 to honor accomplished scientists in disparate disciplines ranging from marine science to nuclear physics. For the last two years, U.S. Embassies and Consulates in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have identified and honored outstanding Arab women involved in medicine, science, engineering, technology, math, and other fields. These role models have served to inspire girls across the region to study science and pursue scientific careers.

The selected honoree will have her biography and photo posted along with other MENA region scientists on the web sites of U.S. Embassies and Consulates in the MENA region, including the web page of the American Consulate General in Jerusalem. She will also be featured in a 2013 calendar and have opportunities to promote the program in the media, mentor other Palestinian women and girls, and participate in a trip to the United States to network with other MENA scientists and learn about the contribution of American women to scientific innovation, education, leadership, and public policy formation.

To view the Women in Science Hall of Fame webpage, and the winners from last year, please visit:

http://jordan.usembassy.gov/wshf_2012.html.

Eligibility Requirements:

This program is open to Palestinian women working in any scientific, medical, technological, engineering, or mathematical disciplines.

Candidates must:

- ☐ Be fluent in English, but not hold U.S. citizenship or be a U.S. legal permanent resident.
- ☐ Be willing to participate in exchange programs and welcome opportunities to mentor women and girls.
- ☐ Be a citizen and resident of West Bank, Gaza, or Jerusalem at the time of application and while participating in the program.

Application Instructions:

Please submit the following:

- ☐ Two brief biographies of general accomplishments -- one in English and one in Arabic. Please limit each to 80 - 100 words.
- ☐ A resume in English.
- ☐ High resolution photo. Photos while performing work are preferable (examples: a scientist at the laboratory or a doctor with patients).

The deadline for application is **October 10, 2012**. Please submit biographies and photos to rassasdi@state.gov with the program name in the subject line.

Diversity Visa (DV) Program

Online registration for the Diversity Visa (DV-2014) Program will begin on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and conclude on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4). See the [**Diversity Visa Program Instructions**](#) webpage for the DV 2014 Instructions and any available translations. And beware of [**fraud!**](#)

Quick Highlights

On September 15 eighty Access English students convened at American Corner Salfeet to compete in the first regional spelling competition. Sponsored by the American Corners in Nablus, Jericho and Salfeet, the event was the culmination of weeks of competition in local Access English classes, coordinated by AMIDEAST. Starting with a screening of the American documentary "Spellbound," Access teachers in cities across the West Bank led their students through a series of eliminations rounds, the winners of which passed through to the regional finale. Yara Hillel from Qalqiliya was declared the winner.



On September 19 and 20, American writer, editor, dramaturge, and director Carla Blank met with Palestinian theater professionals, women's empowerment organizations, and students to share her expertise in the performance arts. Dr. Blank conducted a hands-on theater workshop for approximately 25 female high school students who are members of the theater club at Rosary Sisters School in Jerusalem. Dr. Blank also facilitated several theater exercises with the students, focusing specifically on scripting and storytelling.



On September 20, over 25 youth participated in a Jeopardy-style game during English Corner at America House. The youth divided themselves into five teams, and answered questions about U.S. national monuments, Palestinian and American sports, food, and quotes. Before the one-hour game, America House staff delivered a short presentation on U.S. national monuments which helped participants to figure the answers for the questions in the national monuments category.



Community Solutions Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the Community Solutions Program for 2013. This will be the third round of the [Community Solutions Program](#), a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women and Gender Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: a four month U.S. fellowship with a local nonprofit organization or government agency; structured virtual learning and networking via the Online Community Leadership Institute; and, the design and implementation of follow-on projects in their home countries. The program will also include a small outbound component that will allow up to five U.S. host representatives to travel overseas for approximately two weeks on projects related to the program themes.

Please submit your APPLICATION by Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The application and additional information for the 2013 Community Solutions Program is available online at: <http://www.irex.org/project/community-solutions>.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Miral Siriani, Sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows maintain full-time residence at the [International Forum for Democratic Studies](#), NED's research arm located in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to international exchange, the program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

The Reagan-Fascell program will host two five-month fellowship sessions in 2013–2014: Fall 2013 Session: October 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014
Spring 2014 Session: March 1 to July 31, 2014

For information about the application process, please **read through each of the sections** listed in the **Table of Contents on the right**, paying **particular attention** to the sections under [About Us](#) and [Submitting Your Application](#).

Once you have familiarized yourself with this information, you may proceed to our [Online Application System](#), where you will be asked to register and set up a profile in order to begin your fellowship application.

International and Regional News

أوباما: إيران "المسلحة نووياً تشكل تحدياً للعالم لا يمكن احتواؤه"

[World Cannot Contain Challenge of Nuclear-Armed Iran, Obama Says](#)

تصريحات كلينتون والأمين العام للجامعة العربية، في حفل توقيع مذكرة التفاهم

[Clinton's Bilateral Meetings on Jordan, Palestinian Authority](#)

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لقاء صحفي حول الاجتماعات الثنائية للوزيرة كلينتون المتعلقة بسوريا ولبنان

[State Dept. Briefing on Ad Hoc Ministerial Meeting on Syria](#)

لقاء صحفي حول اجتماع وزيرة الخارجية كلينتون مع الرئيس المصري

[State's Burns at Friends of Yemen Ministerial](#)

تصريح مسؤول أميركي حول خطاب الرئيس الإيراني في الأمم المتحدة

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